**Consumption of aviation fuel**

1338. SHRI ASHIS SEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the per hour consumption of aviation fuel for an Airbus 300, Airbus 320 and Boeing ;

(b) what is the cost of aviation fuel per metric tonne ;

(c) whether the passenger load factor is commensurate with operation cost ; and

(d) what is the number of passengers that flew by Indian Airlines during the years 1992 and 1993 year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Average consumption (aircraftwise) of Aviation Turbine Fuel during 1992-1993 is as under :—

| Type of aircraft | Per hour (in ltrs.) |
|---|---|
| Airbus A-300 . | 7721 |
| Airbus 320 Boeing | 3060 |
| 737 | 3550 |

(b) The cost of Aviation Turbine Fuel at different places in India varies from Rs. 11756.77 to Rs. 14644.99 per kilo litre.

(c) The overall passenger load factor does not meet the cost of operations.

(d) Indian Airlines carried 8.669 million passengers in 1992 and 7.30" million in 1993.

**Leasing of Lakshadweep Islands for Promotion of Tourism**

1339. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether global tenders to lease out two uninhabited islands—Thinnakara and Cheri. yam—in Lakshadweep for promoting island tourism have been or are being floated;

(b) if so, the terms for leasing out these wo islands ;

(c) whether any study for environmental friendly tourism development in Andaman and Nicobar Islands with the assistance of UN Development Project and World Tourism Organisation, has been or is being carried out to explore the beaches that have the potential to promote beach resorts ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Government had invited competitive offers in January, 1992 for development and operation of island/ beach resorts at Thinnakara and Cheriyam in Lakshadweep. In response, four offers were receivid. Government rejected all the offers as unsuitable and decided to invite fresh offers. A committee was set up to formulate terms and conditions, evaluate offers and make recommendations to the Government. The Committee has submitted its recommendations for inviting fresh offers which are receiving the attention of the Government.

(c) and (d) A UNDP study is proposed to undertake a study for development of strategy for environmentally sustainable tourism in Andamans (identified places). This study would provide the basis for an orderly expansion of tourism in the Andamans through preparation of a long-term strategic master plan with particular emphasis on environmentally sustainable development. It would also include a medium term tourism development programme specifying development projects and other related activities.

**Economy measures in Indian Airlines**

1340. SHRI V. HANUMANrHA RAO: V/ill the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering proposals to hike air fares in Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether any economy measures been implemented in Indian Airlines; and

(d) steps taken to make Indian Airlines cost conscious ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) There is no proposal at present to increase fares of Indian Airlines.

(b) Does not arise,